

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3055, Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6309–S6362

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and fifteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2756–2769, and S. Res. 391–405. **Pages S6333–34**

Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act: By 84 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 341), Senate passed H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6311–22**

Adopted:

McConnell (for Tester) Amendment No. 953 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide for the availability of funds for Agricultural Research Service research facilities to provide public access. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Smith) Amendment No. 1023 (to Amendment No. 948), to amend provisions relating to the rental assistance program of the Rural Housing Service. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Hirono) Amendment No. 1037 (to Amendment No. 948), to require a study on the economic and environmental impacts of importing orchids in growing media. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Brown/Jones) Modified Amendment No. 1088 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide appropriations for centers of excellence at 1890 Institutions, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 1099 (to Amendment No. 948), to increase the appropria-

tion for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 1121 (to Amendment No. 948), to set aside funding for the ocean agriculture working group. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Thune/Hoeven) Amendment No. 1133 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide funding for the new beginning for Tribal students program, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Jones) Amendment No. 1143 (to Amendment No. 948), to increase the appropriation for rural decentralized water systems. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Smith) Amendment No. 1149 (to Amendment No. 948), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to prioritize maintenance and staff needs relating to assistance provided by the Rural Housing Service. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Rosen/Fischer) Amendment No. 1161 (to Amendment No. 948), to increase the appropriation for the distance learning and telemedicine program, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for McSally/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 1163 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide funding for the emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assistance grant program, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Reed) Amendment No. 1217 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide funding for States impacted by Eastern equine encephalitis, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1223 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide funding for the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Cornyn/Booker) Amendment No. 1224 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide funding

for pilot projects to address food insecurity, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Warner) Amendment No. 951 (to Amendment No. 948), to require the Attorney General to report to Congress on, and establish a deadline for, the implementation of the Ashanti Alert Act of 2018. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Capito/Schatz) Amendment No. 1077 (to Amendment No. 948), to make \$10,000,000 available for the SelectUSA program. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1094 (to Amendment No. 948), to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration submit to Congress a report on existing supercomputing capacity and needs of the Administration. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Toomey) Amendment No. 1129 (to Amendment No. 948), to require that the Secretary of Commerce use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the Bureau of Industry and Security for operations and administration to publish and submit to Congress a report on the findings of the investigation into the effect on national security of imports of automobiles and automotive parts. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Durbin/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1146 (to Amendment No. 948), to require the Drug Enforcement Administration to continue to establish and utilize data collection and sharing agreements in order to properly estimate rates of overdose deaths and overall public health impact related to certain controlled substances, for the purpose of determining diversion and establishing annual opioid production quotas. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Gardner) Amendment No. 1150 (to Amendment No. 948), to increase funding for the COPS Office Anti-Methamphetamine Task Forces grant program. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for McSally) Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 948), to require the Attorney General to submit a report on the enforcement of animal welfare laws. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Sinema) Amendment No. 1025 (to Amendment No. 948), to require a Bureau of Indian Affairs report analyzing the facilities investments required to improve direct service and tribally operated detention and public safety facilities in Indian Country. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1079 (to Amendment No. 948), to prohibit bogus payments to contractors. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1081 (to Amendment No. 948), to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to

Congress a report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Cornyn/Sinema) Amendment No. 1151 (to Amendment No. 948), to increase funding for the construction of high priority water and wastewater facilities on the United States-Mexico Border, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Cardin) Amendment No. 1159 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide for a report on certain programs of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Rosen) Amendment No. 1160 (to Amendment No. 948), to set aside funds for certain Lake Tahoe restoration activities. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Thune/Udall) Amendment No. 1162 (to Amendment No. 948), to require a study of law enforcement staffing needs of Indian Tribes. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Peters/Portman) Amendment No. 1182 (to Amendment No. 948), to increase money appropriated for Geographic Programs, with an offset. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1193 (to Amendment No. 948), to make available funds for the Smithsonian Latino Center. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Menendez) Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 948), to set aside funds for the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers program. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Blunt/Kaine) Amendment No. 1211 (to Amendment No. 948), to set aside funds for the 400 Years of African-American History Commission. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for McSally/Sinema) Amendment No. 1215 (to Amendment No. 948), to require a report on the status of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Collins/Feinstein) Amendment No. 1220 (to Amendment No. 948), to make available funds for the Women's History Initiative. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Schumer/Bennet) Amendment No. 1227 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide for a Government Accountability Office study on outdoor recreation. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Hassan/Van Hollen) Amendment No. 956 (to Amendment No. 948), to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide Congress with recommendations and associated costs for future research on rental payment insurance. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Collins/Reed) Amendment No. 1002 (to Amendment No. 948), to make a technical correction. **Pages S6311–15**

McConnell (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1005 (to Amendment No. 948), to express the sense of

Congress relating to the Federal Aviation Administration and regulations regarding the emergency medical equipment carried by passenger airlines.

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McConnell (for Kaine) Amendment No. 1010 (to Amendment No. 948), to ensure funding for the FAA remote tower pilot program.

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McConnell (for Cortez Masto) Amendment No. 1061 (to Amendment No. 948), to require a report on engagement with local interests relating to intelligent transportation systems technologies and smart cities solutions.

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McConnell (for Cortez Masto) Amendment No. 1062 (to Amendment No. 948), to prohibit the use of funds to terminate the ITS program advisory committee.

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McConnell (for Heinrich) Amendment No. 1114 (to Amendment No. 948), relating to funding for the Tribal HUD–VASH program.

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McConnell (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1130 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide a sense of Congress relating to preserving manufactured home communities.

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McConnell (for Hoeven/Baldwin) Amendment No. 1214 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide for a veterans pilot training competitive grant program.

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McConnell (for Portman) Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide additional funding for the family unification program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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By 82 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 340), Jones/McSally Modified Amendment No. 1141 (to Amendment No. 948), to prohibit the implementation of the “Rostenkowski Test” with respect to the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund.

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Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 29 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 339), Lee Amendment No. 1209 (to Amendment No. 948), to prohibit the expenditure of certain amounts from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for land acquisition.

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Withdrawn:

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, October 30, 2019, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn.

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Honoring the Members of the Military and Intelligence Community: Senate agreed to S. Res. 394,

honoring the members of the military and intelligence community who carried out the mission that killed Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

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National Bison Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 399, designating November 2, 2019, as “National Bison Day”.

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National Women's Small Business Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 400, recognizing October 2019 as “National Women's Small Business Month”.

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Filipino American History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 401, recognizing the month of October 2019 as Filipino American History Month and celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the United States.

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Honoring the Life of Toni Morrison: Senate agreed to S. Res. 402, honoring the life, work, and legacy of Toni Morrison.

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National Farm to School Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 403, designating October 2019 as “National Farm to School Month”.

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Women's Suffrage Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 2423, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving women in the United States the right to vote.

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National Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 345, supporting the goals and ideals of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to raise awareness about, and enhance the state of, cybersecurity in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2740, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 342), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6326**

Subsequently, Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6326**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-34) **Pages S6331-32**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the President's intent to terminate the designation of the Republic of Cameroon as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA); which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-35) **Page S6332**

Tapp Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Austin Tapp, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Page S6326**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 31, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. **Page S6326**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6326**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, November 5, 2019; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, October 31, 2019 ripen at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. **Page S6358**

Hunsaker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Danielle J. Hunsaker, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S6326**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of David Austin Tapp, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Pages S6326-27**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6326**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6326**

Nardini Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of William Joseph Nardini, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Page S6327**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Danielle J. Hunsaker, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S6327**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6327**

Rudofsky Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. **Page S6327**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of William Joseph Nardini, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Page S6237**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6327**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6327**

Wilson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jennifer Philpott Wilson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6327**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. **Page S6327**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 6 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S6355–57, S6361–62**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Stephen E. Biegun, of Michigan, to be Deputy Secretary of State. **Page S6361**

Messages from the House: **Page S6332**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—342) **Pages S6321, S6326**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:48 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6358.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1665, to modify the procedures for issuing special recreation permits for certain public land units, S. 1723, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and S. 1967, to promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to increase opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, after receiving testimony from Chris French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Nikki Haskett, Acting Assistant Director for National Conservation Lands and Community

Partnerships, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Aaron Bannon, National Outdoor Leadership School, Lander, Wyoming; Lee Davis, Oregon State University, Portland, on behalf of the Outdoor Recreation Economy Initiative; and Brendan McGuire, Vail Resorts, Broomfield, Colorado, on behalf of the National Ski Areas Association.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andeliz N. Castillo, of New York, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Alma L. Golden, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Peter M. Haymond, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Leslie Meredith Tsou, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

5G

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supply chain security, global competitiveness, and 5G, after receiving testimony from Christopher Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Diane Rinaldo, Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert L. Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy; and Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1657, to provide assistance to combat the escalating burden of Lyme disease and other tick and vector-borne diseases and disorders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2619, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Healthy Start program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1399, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Services Act to revise and extend nursing workforce development programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;